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Project 34.2473, Comparability of Consumer Goods Output in the USSR and US

1. I have read this project with much interest and believe that its publication will further US understanding of the meaning of Soviet official statistics and claims.

2. The project is well organized and appears to be based on a sound methodology. As indicated in the accompanying notes, the greatest problem seems to have resulted from the effort to obtain 1958 US production information. In a number of cases I have suggested that what appear to be analyst estimates of US production be checked against the full year reports now available.

3. I see no reason why these discrepancies cannot be quickly adjusted so as to bring about speedy publication as an RA report. As usual I shall be happy to discuss any questions with you and

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